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BE IT A SELFISH OR UNSELFISH GIFT - YOU WILL STILL WANT TO GIVE TO THE CHEST

Have you ever gone home after a hard day at the office and found that trash and leaves from the neglected yard of your neighbor had blown across that freshly-raked lawn of yours? Or, have you spent back-breaking hours among the chiggers, digging out dandelions, only to view a new and greater crop grown from the seed blown from your neighbor's lawn? You may keep your lawn trim and clean, but it won't stay that way long unless your neighbor does likewise.

You may be going about your business, smug in the knowledge that your house is in order; your family healthy and happy; the larder well-stocked; the children well-trained. But down the block lives a family whose children have a contagious disease; across the way a family too poor to provide the necessities of life; and on the other side of the park some orphaned children left to drift into evil habits. Well, neighbor, you can no more insulate yourself and your family against the contagious diseases of your neighbors, or their poverty, or their crime, than you can protect your lawn against the weeds that grow from the seeds blown across it. So what are you going to do about it? The answer is: You are going to be a good neighbor and through the Community Chest provide care for the sick; food and clothing for the poor; and training for the misguided.

You will probably be unselfish and give with pity to prevent the disease, poverty, and delinquency of others. But if you wish - be selfish. Be just as selfish about this thing called the Community Chest as you want to be - and you will still want to give.

(Julia D. Connor)



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STORY OF THE YEAR

A Manhattan bank vice-president applied for a job at the Board of Economic Warfare. While he awaited the answer, a BEW official asked the bank to recommend someone for the job. The vice-president was suggested and hired on the spot.

Later, when the banker was hard at work in Washington, he got a letter on BEW stationery, forwarded from New York. It regretfully informed him that his application had been refused because he was unqualified for the job. Looking closer, he found the letter was signed with his own name.

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

PFC David T. Stanley (3rd Gunnery Student Squadron, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas). Here I am within yoo-hoo distance of Old Mexico. I graduated (on August 27) from the Keesler Field Airplane Mechanics School, sent my two dearest possessions back to Brooklyn, and came here to gunnery school. I came at a crowded time, and I won't be starting school for another week. There's a chance that they may wash me out because I am very subnormal at seeing in the dark, but I rather doubt it. The Adjutant General's OCS would have none of me, so I'm working at being an enlisted man. I may try for OCS again later when I've been assigned to an operating outfit. We have a comfortable and pleasant small Army post here, though the town of Laredo doesn't amount to much. Our days are hot, and nights are cool. The air is dry, and the water hard. Most of the civilians hereabouts are Mexicans.

Wayne W. Clark, Y2c (Headquarters Co., 54th Naval Const. Batt., c/o Fleet Post Office, New York) - Somewhere in Africa - News is very scarce from here, but there is one thing I always like to say, "I think the war is moving along satisfactorily and it won't be too long, we hope, before all of us can come back to our former jobs and live a peaceful and happy life once more." Boy, what a day it will be to set foot on dear old U. S. soil again. I am hoping to be back with all of you soon.

Ira Castles (5th SCU, Randolph Field, Texas). Thanks for sending the Grapevine. It is interesting to learn about Farm Credit Club activities and what various individuals are now doing. One of my 4 months has been spent in basic training and the other 3 in an office doing statistical work. Randolph Field, which is near San Antonio, is made up of permanent buildings, well landscaped. The atmosphere, both actual and mental, is filled with planes. It is amusing to hear the frequent discussions between Texans and New Yorkers on the relative merits of their home States, sometimes getting deep in contrasting the enjoyment of life and the pursuit of wealth. The New Yorker may try to clinch such an argument by saying that there's nothing in Texas that a man would want money for, so he's not interested in it.

PFC George T. Cairl (33197637, Co. A, 83rd Chemical Bn, APO 3629, c/o Postmaster, New York). Received my copies of the Grapevine and was sure glad to get them. It sure is good to read about people where you worked especially over here where I am. We sure are seeing the world now. While we were in Africa we covered most of its Northern Coast from Iran to Sousse and since we have been in the invasion of Sicily we covered most of the Island here. I guess it won't be long before we visit Italy, the way it looks.

Pvt. Kenneth Rice (Hq. & Hq. Sq. 4th AF, San Francisco 3, California). Thanks again for the Grapevine as I certainly enjoy reading it. I'm now stationed here in Frisco and work in the Personnel Section of the Headquarters of the 4th Air Force. My job is a whole

lot like the one I held in the Library of FCA, but I don't believe I work quite as hard as I did there. I work from 8 to 5 with 1 day a week off. No details or KP, except the ones required to keep the barracks clean. Our barracks is a building right down town and our offices are only 4 blocks away. I really like it here in Frisco and the weather is really swell - nice and cool all the time.

Cadet Clarence Kongs (US Navy-Pre-Flight School, Del Monte, California). This base is probably the most difficult throughout our training sequence. So far it hasn't been too rough, but they surely keep us on the move. We have 4 1/2 hrs. of physical training. Classes consist of navigation, radio, navy regulations, aerology, gunnery, and short courses in first aid and the like. Our last base at Edmond, Oklahoma, was a war training school. Here I got 59 hours of flying time. We also carried ground school subjects there. After 3 hours of flight instructions, I soloed. This was a day I'll never forget. Landed in a cross wind, ground looped. After this 2/3 of my time was solo. We flew Cubs, model J-3 aircraft, and a few Taylor craft. Needless to say, I like to fly. We receive no flight instructions at this base. Major part of our training here is physical, which I like. This place is really beautiful. I hope I can visit it after I leave. It is next to the ocean in the center of mountains and a wooded section.

ART CLASS

It's amazing how interesting color is to everyone. The class in Art Appreciation has grown from 5 to 25 members in less than a month. Mr. Shenker is showing the group how to make colors really live, how to blend them, and the value of contrast. He worked with the first sketches on Monday the 18th, and by a few deft additions of color transformed them into colorful pictures. The class meets regularly on Monday at 12:15. Come, bring your lunch, and benefit from Mr. Shenker's wide experience. (Vera Jones)

Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Dot Martin's hubby, who recently graduated from the Army technical school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, made her happy with a visit...We are glad to have Cleo Watkins back after an illness of several weeks...Bill Holman is spending a week "cornhusking" at Stanton, Iowa. (Emergency Room should have ready a supply of arnica for Bill's use)...Nurses' Aide Sarah Schneider now wears two stripes. We are proud of the 500 hours Sarah has given at St. Luke's Hospital since last October...Cecilia Jacobs week-ended with friends at Lexington, Missouri...Several days were enjoyed by June Swanson at her home in Alcester, South Dakota.

Chief Clerk's Office. Eleanor Bark is enjoying a visit with her sister at Brevard, North Carolina, and will have a look at Washington on her return home.

Cooperative. A pleasant vacation was spent by S. Y. McConnell at his home in Kansas City...Helen Moritz enjoyed a visit from her two sisters of Junction City, Kansas...A lovely dinner party was given by the girls of the division at the Green Parrott Inn, honoring three departing members, Wilma Atkinson who left for Washington to accept a position with the Treasury Department; Josephine Kuipers who went to Chicago with United Air Lines; and Ruby McWhirt who resigned to accept the position of housewife for her husband. The girls ended the evening at Fairway where Mrs. Cawood was a charming hostess in her home.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Esther Barnes gave a delightful dinner party at her home on a recent Sunday eve, honoring Fredda Grantham who awaits call to the Marines...Our hearts were gladdened to note from the figures that we were "tops" in the recent War Loan Drive.

Examination. Pauline Kessler surprised us by deciding to leave Kansas City and FCA to see more of the world with her friend, Elise Million, who has arrived from Cuba. The girls have their eyes on Miami, Florida, and we wish them lots of luck in their travels...Keith Scott was at home for a few days with a bad arm which he declares was not due to the "fall harvesting"...O. W. Zeagler looks forward with a bit of trepidation to 6 weeks of "dining out." Mrs. Zeagler is at Staten Island, New York, with her daughter who is expecting a visit from Mr. Stork...It was a thrill for Mary Nolz to start the journey to Pensacola, Florida, to attend her Naval cadet brother's graduation...With a hurried "so long" Fred Bowie gathered together his manuals and was "off for St. Louis" where he will be stationed at the Federal Land Bank.

Finance & Accounts. Samethea Roddy is enjoying a visit from her mother and aunt of Wichita Falls, Texas...As of November 5, Warren Thompson will become a member of the Greatest Army in the World...Betty Kempton is visiting at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania...Vacationist Delta Vaughn is at Wellington, Kansas...Ida Bernat is entertaining her sister of Cherokee, Iowa...Since their recent apartment move, the Delbert Mehaffys are closer to heaven by one floor...W. T. McKeown is vacationing at Webster, South Dakota...Mae Gregory enjoyed a few days at Kirksville, Missouri...Mary Jane Blyholder's brother, Lt. Joseph Blyholder of Phoenix, Arizona, is her guest...A pleasant week's vacation was spent by William Albright at his home in Kansas City...Maude Freeman decided to secure a position in Washington and is "headed for home."

General Files. Julia Connor entertained her club at dinner and bridge...Ruth Polson week-ended at her home in Carthage, Missouri...Congratulations to a successful "lady welder," none other than Cordelia Bursell who writes us from California that she is happy in her new work...Ruth Anne Filby presented her mother-in-law of Junction City, Kansas, who was her guest...Kenneth Boyce is on detail in F & A Division...Deane Ruth's mother from Virginia is

visiting her...Mary Mahoney was hostess at a Saturday eve bridge party...Edith Sankey is back at work after a week's illness. We thought it a nice suggestion of Edith's that the usual flowers of the "Sunshine Club" be dispensed with in her case and the money used to purchase books for the Service Men's Club...Kathleen Thomas entertained members of her club with a delicious chilli supper.

Graphic & Duplicating. We welcome Emily Smith who has been added to our ever-increasing roll of feminine employees...Duplicating Section's tale of the use of photography in purchasing machine parts in the "show me" State of Missouri will amuse you.

Information & Extension. After 5 years with FCA, Joan Mullman has resigned. A beautiful leather handbag was presented to Joan by the division with best wishes for a happy future...E. B. Reid and W. G. Hoag have "taken root" in Kansas City with the purchase of new homes...Inez Barber with her cousin, Marion Rist, week-ended at Humboldt, Nebraska...Silver pins symbolizing donations of 3 pints of blood to the Red Cross are proudly worn by Anne Wilson, Dorothy Owens, and Catherine Hardy...Violet Hardin is enjoying a visit with her lieutenant brother at Bakersfield, California.

Land Bank. In between golf matches, Lucille Holmes ran up to Lincoln, Nebraska, for a few days' visit with two brothers home on furlough and a baby niece...Louise and Claude Shear will soon be honeymooning again, spending their time between Washington, D.C., and Virginia...For the past month, Sally Tacker has been sunning herself on the beaches of Miami, Florida, and keeping an eye on Carl who is stationed there...Frances Kruse week-ended at her home in Emporia, Kansas...Further news from Edna Woods of Washington posts us on the fact that she is studying Spanish two evenings a week...Ross Pepper has returned from a pleasant fishing and camping trip at Lake Tonganoxie.

Library. Phoebe Norton has returned from a refreshing week's vacation spent

at home in Kansas City...Juanita Akers was hostess at a gay outing and barbecue on a recent Sunday at Lake Tapa-wingo in compliment to Louise Pressgrove who leaves soon for several months' work in the Library at Washington.

Mail. We welcome Mary Lee Harris who has joined our group...Helen Colling spent a pleasant week end with friends at Columbia, Missouri.

Personnel. The event of the week was the dinner party given by the girls of the division in compliment to our two SPARS, Y 3/c Polly McCoy of St. Augustine, Florida, and Y 3/c Peggy Wilkinson of Seattle, Washington, who were home on their first furloughs. Nineteen girls attended the party at Hyde Park Hotel and a wonderful time was had by all...Ben Russell is recuperating nicely at St. Luke's Hospital after a recent operation.

Production Credit. Opha Thompson has returned from an enjoyable vacation at her home in Belmond, Iowa...An important announcement! Chloe Fullerton informs us that her daughter Jacqueline is the owner of her first tooth...Margaret Frew is vacationing with a soldier friend at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Property & Supply. Congratulations to the Millard Finnells who celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on October 10; and more congratulations to the Ben Amersons who celebrated their 20th anniversary on October 15. May you both have many more happy years together...Jack Marshall has returned to work after several days' illness...Larry Waugh announces with pride (but worriedly thinking of meat points) that his offspring Billie has two more teeth, a total of eight...The Horace Smiths are "infanticipating." Mr. Stork will arrive with the bundle in December.

Purchase. Flo Eifert has returned from a pleasant week at her home in Enid, Oklahoma, with side trips to Oklahoma City and Guthrie. Flo remembered us with a box of fudge...We envy

Mary Feeley who is vacationing in sunny California as we shiver in the first chilly preview of winter...We saw Mary Harris strolling down the street with the lieutenant who is here on furlough...The cake R. L. Crim brought to the office was a work of art. "I baked it myself," he said with pride.

RACC of Washington. Margaret Sterling Working is enjoying several weeks with her soldier hubby in North Carolina... A pleasant week end was spent by Lilian Masse at Excelsior Springs. ... D. B. Nilan of RACC of Minneapolis is a visitor in our office...B. F. Viehmann has answered the call of Washington and is now located in the Liaison Office there.

Solicitor's Office. Sallie Marshall has returned to her desk in E. Anthony's office after giving her son Dickey a good start in the world...Recent travelers on official business include A. A. Goldman who is in St. Paul and L. W. King who made a trip to St. Louis ...We envy R. C. Brownell who is fishing in Colorado...Ethel Hoeman enjoyed a trip to Omaha, Neb...E. E. Stebner is vacationing...Several members who took a few days' leave to enjoy some of the pleasures offered by Kansas City include Juanita Shields, Ruth Lane, and Mary Suter...Week end guests of Mabel Peterson were her nephew and his wife, Lt. E. C. LaBelle of Camp Gruber, Okla., and Mrs. LaBelle.

Stenographic. Lula Tavenner celebrates her 10th anniversary with FCA on October 20 by entertaining the proofreaders and office staff at a colorful Halloween party...Wilma Black week-ended with her parents at Grant City, Mo... Betty Taylor enjoyed a visit from her brother, Sgt. John Taylor of Camp Cook, Calif...Several pleasant days were spent by Gertrude Spear at her home in Leoti, Kansas...Girls on detail include Corene Nelson and Phyllis Windrum in the Personnel Office and Mary Lou Ufford in the Purchasing Office...LaVeta Dexter's mother of Home, Kansas, is her guest...Lorraine Neugebauer is vacationing in California with a friend who is stationed at Camp Kohler near Los Angeles...We welcome newcomers

Mary Valentine and Vorina Strange... Elsie Prevco's small son Jimmie was a visitor in our office.

Visé. Dorothy Dick enjoyed a vacation at her home in Palmyra, Mo.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Two former Mortgage Corporation-ers met in our office the other day - both back to Washington on new jobs! Grace McGerr and Wayne Morris. Among our visitors from Kansas City have been Martin Fox, Art Esgate, E. Anthony, B. F. Viehmann (we hear he plans to stay awhile) Wharton Bruce and Kitty Donnelly (and she sure looks grand). Glen Wilbur looking snappy in his Navy Ensign Uniform came in to say it was just 1 year from the day he left FCA. (Poetry - ha!) Have you heard how much we went over the top in our 3rd War Bond Loan Drive?! The Washington office did itself proud. Also "raffled" off a \$50 bond in addition just to make things interesting. We are keeping up on the blood bank too - two new donors this month - Walter Bauer and Alexis Murphy; while Henry Bradford and Donald Hirsch finished up their quart (blood donations I mean!).

Hadda nice letter from Tony Albanonte who says about W. Va. - "right now I am beginning to see the value of not wearing shoes; after awhile I might start moonshining and huntin' revenuers!" In a V-mail letter from Ralph Drumheller S 2/c he wrote "I sure do thank Farm Credit for the Grapevine - it has a lot of good news and makes a sailor homesick." Ralph is apparently somewhere in the Italian campaign.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE A HERO?

After paying your taxes, buying bonds, and contributing to the War Chest, do you think that these lines from John Dryden describe you?

Sorely tried and sorely tempted,
From no agony exempted,
In the penance of his trial,
In his discipline of pain,
One by toil and self-denial
To the highest shall attain.

"Sa Good Idea"

Forethought: "Boy, I've already got my Christmas money for once in my life."

Afterthought: "Ya have! How'dja do it?"

Forethought: "By parkin' a few 'bucks' in my credit union share account each pay day."

Afterthought: "'Sa good idea."

Harem Scarem

A sultan at odds with his harem
Thought of a way he could scarem
He caught him a mouse,
Turned it loose in the house,
Thus starting the first harem-
scarem. (From collection of WHO)

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FCA GARDENERS FARM NEARLY 4 ACRES

The Victory Garden Committee has tabulated the returns on its questionnaire and lists the following gardeners and the size of their respective plots.

Name	Size of Garden (square feet)
W. H. Albright, Jr.	2,200
E. Anthony	1,000
C. R. Arnold	400
Esther E. Barnes	1,900
Ellis H. Batten	1,200
Dot Baucke	2,000
Fred Bowie	750
Robert P. Buck	360
Glen Burrington	2,400
C. C. Cable	1,250
Paul A. Carson	650
R. H. Cawood	600
J. F. Childs	600
Sue L. Clarke	280
Carl A. Cleek	2,800
Hubert J. Colombe	1,600
R. L. Crim	350
Lee Dashner	2,250
William N. Durlow	5,400
Irvin S. Dyke	3,350
Jack H. Ellis	1,000
A. T. Esgate	1,920
Paul Fankhouser	800
Gordon Finley	1,300
Denzel P. Folger	900
John E. Francis	9,750

Barbara Frank	1,625
George J. Froelke	1,850
Virginia W. Galloway	108
F. W. Ganley	1,250
F. D. Van Sant	750
C. T. Veatch	1,000
A. W. Walker	1,250
G. P. Walker, Jr.	750
Fulton Want	350
Clifford Wiechmann	5,000
J. L. Wilkinson	500
Ruby B. Young	425
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Gilbert	300
R. H. Gorrell	2,700
John H. Guill	120
R. T. Hall	180
W. S. Harris	400
V. V. Hemstreet	160
Roy W. Hendrix	300
W. G. Hoag	2,400
Gray W. Hume, Jr.	250
Cecil A. Johnson	9,750
Richard E. Kaufmann	1,200
C. N. Lane	2,400
J. D. Lawrence	1,200
John E. Lee	1,065
C. G. Lockwood	110
J. P. Markey	2,200
Frank H. McElhaney	5,000
Winifred M. Metts	375
Ralph B. Miller	1,600
Raymond J. Mischler	600
Wm. L. Moore	1,800
Andrew N. Morrison	1,000
H. W. Mumford, Jr.	5,000
T. L. Piper	450
Floyd E. Prentice	1,200
Jas. L. Robinson	950
J. E. Rolfes	85
Carrie B. Rountree	43,000
Donald A. Russell	7,000
Dorwin Scott	900
Keith Scott	2,500
J. Mahlon Selby	1,600
L. G. Simonds	40
Homer G. Smith	800
Horace W. Smith	67
J. Clyde Smith	400
Joseph Spelman	200
H. N. Thomas	500
George Thomson	1,860
Paul Tomasello	300
L. A. Townsend	4,400
G. E. Van Leer	200
Osee W. Zeagler	300

Total 168,730

THE NEW FARM EXPERT

"I am Mr. Brown, the new agricultural expert for this Division. Here are my credentials."

"Ah, yes, Mr. Brown. Harvard man, I see. Splendid. Now, which department do you ---"

"I think I would prefer the publicity angle. I have some new ideas I should like to give the farmers. Take, for example, our most delicious berries, the potato and the onion. I think we should plant the trees closer and prune the branches in the spring just after the molting season. That would give us more branches to produce more burrs. This same plan would help the peanut tree."

"But, Mr. Brown ---"

"However, my chief interest is bovines or cows. It has been our practice to produce numbers of useless male cows, and this must be discouraged. Such as are produced should be butchered and made into sausage and ham to relieve the pork and mutton shortage."

"We have also followed the wasteful practice of feeding our young female cows a year or more before breaking them to give milk. I think these fillies should be trained to produce milk within 6 or 8 weeks after hatching."

"The whole dairy business needs efficient reorganization. We must teach our dairymen to specialize. The cows in one region should give nothing but milk, those in another nothing but cream, those in a third section nothing but butter, and those in a fourth section nothing but cheese. It will not be necessary to specialize in butter-milk, for we can use ordinary milk and add the butter at a processing plant."

"We have been very wasteful. No doubt you have read about the breakage of milk bottles. This can be corrected by using larger containers with rubber cushions around the top. We should not

blame the cows, for it must be very difficult to sit on those small bottles."

"Cows are nervous animals, easily disturbed by noise. I think we should disconnect or plug up the horns they use in making that mooing sound, and ---"

"Yes, yes, Mr. Brown. That is splendid. But excuse me a moment. I need a little air."

(Contributed by Mary I. Kindred)

VITAMIN SALES STILL CLIMBING

442,000 vitamins had been ordered at the last report.

CAP PROMOTION FOR COWAN

Ann Cowan's work with Civil Air Patrol, Kansas City Squadron 1, has brought her a new honor. In a recent staff reorganization she became 2nd Lieut. Cowan, Medical Officer, in charge also of Personnel. (Katherine Delany)

HEE HAW

A small boy leading a donkey passed by an Army camp. A couple of soldiers thought they'd have some fun at the lad's expense. "Why are you holding onto your brother so tight, son?" one of them asked.

"So he won't join the Army," the youngster replied without blinking an eye. (Contributed by Gordon Finley)

GARDENS VALUABLE

Gov. B. B. Hickenlooper of Iowa reported that Iowans produced food valued at \$38,285,800 in 455,000 Victory gardens this year. Housewives canned 107,732,000 quarts of this produce - an average of 236 quarts from each garden. The average garden produced \$84 worth of food.

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An Atchison man remained sick until his credit ran out, then he got up and went to work.

SUGGESTIONS - FIVE BUCKS

You may not think five dollars is
 so very, very much,
 But did you ever have five when
 your best friend made a "touch"?
 Your ideas are worth money, let
 your brain begin to whirl.
 Ideas may come from anyone, and
 yours may be a pearl.
 We care not if you're masc or fem,
 or if you go to church,
 So if you've got a good idea, don't
 leave us in the lurch.
 The brain trust team awaits you,
 and they'll give you every chance,
 They'll scan your idea carefully,
 not with a passing glance.
 An idea's like a bullet, and a
 bullet, as you know
 Is a ne plus ultra argument when
 dealing with the foe.
 It may not be our privilege to kick
 Tojo in the south,
 Or take a poke at Adolf H. to
 shut his Nazi mouth.
 But if we get an idea, then we've
 loaded on the trucks
 A potent pacifier - and besides,
you've got five bucks.

Oscar Squink

TO THE SUGGESTIONS COMMITTEE

I'm always just a little slow,
 A little way behind.
 It's always past the proper time
 That a bon mot comes to mind.
 It's two hours after a joke is told
 That I think of one to tell;
 I start in late November
 Last year's Christmas cards to sell.
 Well, it strikes me very queerly
 When ideas'll pay a fin,
 I've turned the darned thing
 in too soon!
 Oh, brother, it's a sin. (Hugh Diddit)

WATCH YOUR COMMAS

Because a stenographer inserted an extra
 comma in a legislative act, it's illegal
 today to sleep in any hotel in North
 Dakota. Because the law reads: "No
 hotel, restaurant, dining room or kit-
 chen shall be used as a sleeping or
 dressing room by another employe or
 other person." (The comma that gummed
 up the works occurs after the word
 "hotel.")



"Whadda ya say we do this to Lowell
 Collins, folks!"

TAXING THE PENNY BANK

I couldn't give cash to the War Chest Fund
 That came to me easy, you see,
 So I would be making a false pretence
 To give of my salary--

What did I do but open my bank
 And do up my pennies in packs--
 The pennies I earned by shaking my head
 When anyone asked me for tax!

A. Nony Mouse

LETTER FROM CHARLINE GADDE

Somehow the Grapevine is finding its way to me now and I certainly appreciate it. It is a real letter from home and I devour every word of it. I don't know who is responsible for sending it. (Ed. Doers of good should be exposed - she is Margaret C. Olsen) FCA still is first with me.

I am told you now have arranged for associate memberships in the Farm Credit Club for ex-FCA folks. So here is the fee for such a membership for me. I'm delighted to be able to belong. Any connection with FCA I cherish as always.

I'm still with Navy, Bureau of Ordnance File Room. Since file rooms have a very real fascination for me, I find never a dull moment. I'm very fortunate to have a job I like so well and such fine people to work for and with. There is satisfaction too in feeling that we have a part, though small, in winning the war.

I see John Whuczek now and then. He is now Lieutenant (jg) instead of Ensign, did you know?

Best regards to all my FCA friends and best wishes for the further success of the Farm Credit Club and especially, thanks for the Grapevine.

"WAGS" TEA

Sandwiches, big ones, little ones, fat ones, thin ones, each accompanied by a Farm Credit Club "WAG" or friend, wended their way last Wednesday noon to the Library to join forces with homemade cookies, fritos, tea, and other delicacies, in assuaging the hunger of 46 FCA'ers.

President Pressgrove led an informal discussion of probable activities for the coming year.

The Library Staff, and "WAGS" members served as hostesses. (Roberta Hendee)

GET YOUR ANTI-FREEZE NOW

Farm Credit Club members have an opportunity to get Thermo-Royal, an alcohol type anti-freeze, at a considerable saving if enough orders are placed quickly. Orders will be accepted and filled in not less than one-half gallon units, the customer to furnish the container. The anti-freeze will be made available at a location about 7 blocks from the Auditorium during the 12 to 1 o'clock noon hour only, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 27-29. Thermo-Royal retails at \$1.40 to \$1.50 per gallon. We hope to be able to make it available for \$1.05 a gallon which includes 2 percent Missouri sales tax. Orders will be accepted until 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, and will be conditional upon the receipt of an adequate number of orders.

Fill out the enclosed order blank, and send it to room 2112. (H. W. Mumford.)

CLUBROOM NOTES

Opha W. Thompson has donated the following books to the Farm Credit Club library:

"Beat to Quarters," "Ship of the Line," and "Flying Colours" by C. S. Forrester; "The Yearling," by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings; "Fanny Kemble, A Passionate Victorian," by Margaret Armstrong; and "From Many Lands," by Louis Adamic.

Coming to us in the next few days are the following titles:

My Family, Right or Wrong by John P. Sousa, III

The Saint Steps In by Leslie Charteris

Murder in Havana by George H. Cox

Bright is the Morning by Robert Gibbons

Muller Hill by Hattie McDougal Daniels

The Dark Stain by Benjamin Appel

Island of Fear by Ursula Parrott

Thunderhead by Mary O'Hara

She Came to the Valley by Cleo Dawson

Only an Inch From Glory by Albert Halper

The Battle is the Pay-off by Capt. R.

Ingersoll

See What I Mean by Lewis Browne

Supper at the Maxwell House by A.L. Crabb

The Prodigal Woman by Nancy Hale

LIKE TO SKATE?

WANTED: Congenial persons, old and young, experts and beginners, to go skating.

The Place: The Pla-Mor Ice Palace at 3127 Wyandotte. Reached by street cars going to 31st and Main Streets. Parking lot.

The Time: Every Sunday evening. Doors open at 8:30. Skating begins at 9 o'clock. Admission is 35¢. Skates can be rented for 25¢.

The Facilities: New ice every session. **Skating Music:** Lessons, at reasonable cost, obtainable by arrangement.

Because refrigeration has been rationed at the Pla-Mor, it will not be possible for us to have the rink reserved for our private use. So the evening has been selected when the attendance is lowest, and we feel it will be possible for us to get together satisfactorily. Some of the more experienced skaters have indicated a willingness to help those who are beginners. Come out and join the skaters! (Margaret Demaree)

LESSON IV IN MODERN ART

By Harry Shenker

The basic motive of Modern Art is to impress the beholder with living movement, in color and form. Modern Art has had a revolutionary influence on many phases of modern life. Its influence may be seen in music, in the architecture of great modern buildings, in sculpture, engineering design of industrial products, in interior decoration, and even in literature.

The modern home reveals the influence of Modern Art in many details. The interior of the modern home is notable for its invitation to light. Light means color. And the modern home is the home of color in walls, either painted or papered, in carpets, rugs, pottery, tile, curtains, and in furniture.

You may some day soon be able to choose between a purple, yellow, red, green, blue, or orange refrigerator to harmonize with your kitchen. Even the clothes we wear, which make the downtown crowd, the football throng, and life itself so colorful, are the heritage, in color and design, of the conception that is basic to Modern Art - "Impressing the beholder with living movement, in color and in form."

GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATES ITS REQUISITIONS

A gear of one of the Annex machines was broken and correspondence entered into, and letters No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 were written and each time the company failed to understand and sent the wrong part. Finally, the resourceful and desperate Annex crew hit upon a plan to make the matter entirely clear to the supply company. They took a photograph, a very clear, detailed photograph of the part and sent it to the supply company.

The stage was set, Ritter came in with his camera, everyone held his breath. The camera clicked. Ritter went trembling to the dark room and with a dip in this, a dash in that, there was the perfect answer to the problem - a print that not even a female "replacing a man to fight" could mistake. Graphic believes that this is the ideal way to purchase machine parts from manufacturers with wartime personnel. (But they still wonder if they will get the d---- thing.)

HERE'S A SUGGESTION

Suggestions to improve FCA operations require thought. The folks who are submitting suggestions have been thinking in terms of problems to be solved - and they have been solving some, too! The road that leads to improved FCA operations leads straight between the ears of every FCA employee. A great scientist was asked how he had solved so many problems. "By ceaselessly thinking about them," was his reply.

Some supervisors and employees have adopted one of the most profitable procedures that has ever been put in practice - they set aside a few minutes each week to "think" about improving operations.

Willy



Dere Ma:

Well, Ma, this has been a kinda fassynatin plais in a mornful sorta way the last few days. We been saying good buy to Frank McElhaney.

I guess maybe they ain't so many peepul new Frank. He was a sorta quiet feller that didn't look like he had a cair in the world except maybe a wife and family and house and car and bugs in the garden and a few other things that you pick up in a long life.

And Frank wasen't always busting around talking to a lot of peepul. He was a spechalist, Ma, and they was just a few folkes that he had to work with. They new what he did and maybe noboddy else did at all.

But they's scarsely anyboddy that knows something about Farm Credit that ain't bin infloocenced by what he done, because he was the guy that layed out and illustrated all of Farm Credit's circulars and publications. He could do more with a hunk of scrap paper and a dull pencil than a lot of guys can with a fancy studio and a fistfull of paints and - and even a model. There. I sed it.

They's a lot of unkind things said about folks that works for the guvmint, Ma, about how we might have a hard time maiking a living if we wasen't working for kin-folks, meening Uncel Sam. But we always thought Frank McElhaney was good, kin-folks or no kin-folks, and other folks did too.

From now on he's going to be art die-rector for a big advertising agency in Baltimore. He'll be laying out adds like Martin bummers and things like that, and I guess every time we see one of those adds we will say, Well,

there goes Mac and a little bit of us, too.

At that, I guess he might have staid except that Kansas City is so far from salt water. Even the smell at 14th and Wyandotte at 5:30 on a warm afternoon can't hold its own with the tied flats of Chess-a-peak bay.

Yore loving son

Willy

CREDIT UNION VERIFIES ACCOUNTS

Do you know how much money you have in the Credit Union? If you have a loan, do you know the balance? The law governing Federal credit unions requires that each member's account must be verified at regular intervals. Last week a letter requesting a verification was sent to each member. If you still have the letter get it out, verify the figures with your passbook and return it to Leslie Surginer.

If you didn't get a verification letter get in touch with any member of the Supervisory Committee: Homer G. Smith, Chairman, Leslie Surginer, and J. Mahlon Selby.

FCA FREE MOTION PICTURES

(Time: 12:15 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday)

October 26 - UNFINISHED RAINBOWS - Feature length, all-technicolor motion picture that tells the story of initiative and resourcefulness so characteristic of America...story of a metal that was so rare that - less than a hundred years ago - its use was limited to the table service of an Emperor and his special guests - but now America uses it for thousands of purposes and it is the vital material in National Defense. Don't miss seeing it. 38 minutes.

BUCK-PASSING

A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else.

Sportlight



BOWLING

October 11: Reports finally broke the ice by winning three games from the Legal team by a very wide margin. This is the first time this year that Reports was able to win more than one game in any set. Hein was the heavy crasher, mowing the pins for 214-532. Jacomet was the runner-up for Reports with 179-476. Van Leer was the top performer for Legal, making 175-479.

It is suggested by your reporter that a new name be used for the Legal team. This team consists of bowlers from Personnel, Land Bank, Field Accounting, and Administrative. Land Bank continues to lead the parade by being a consistent winner. Its 804 team game enabled them to take the odd one from Graphic. Tomasello, after warming up with a 118 game, got good and hot and sizzled the maples for a 232 offering in the second game. His set for the evening was 490. Menk's 512 was high for both teams, which of course was expected. Jones and Weinberg with 486 and 420, respectively, were high for the artists. Delbert Mehaffy's even 500 set, together with Mills' 453, were the big factors in the double defeat administered to Administrative by Accounts. Due to the lack of manpower, Piper used a dummy. In spite of this, their gross pin-fall exceeded the Accounts gross by 48 pins, which goes to prove that the handicap is a useful weapon. Mortgage Corporation, after dropping the first to Coops., gathered in the remaining 2 with a still performer (the dummy). Said dummy beat Cap Veatch by 16 pins in the second game. Frazee, after spending several days in the Ozarks recuperating from bad bowling, returned to the line-up to lead his team with a 176-479.

October 18: The team represented by players from Administrative, Personnel, and Field Accounting bowled 2,153 against Coops. even 2,000. This difference meant 2 games for Legal. Willard Frazee was the top performer in this match, getting 186-521. The gilt-edged performance of John Guill who tantalized the pins for 188-456, his highest set in 25 years, and Frank Buck's 456, his highest ever, were two good reasons why Reports could only win one game from Mortgage Corporation. Jack Fowler, the League's No. 2 bowler, had a weak 420 set. In addition to Guill's and Buck's 456, Hein and Eufinger also had 456 apiece. Land Bank had very little competition in their 2 games over Accounts. Administrative topped Graphic by taking the odd game.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Land Bank	14	7	15,586
Legal	11	10	14,798
Administrative	10	11	14,803
Accounts	10	11	14,584
Graphic	10	11	14,572
Mortgage Corporation	10	11	14,377
Coop.	10	11	13,266
Reports	9	12	15,301

RECORDS

H T G	Land Bank	840
H T S	Land Bank	2,331
H I G	Menk	246
H I S	Menk	566

AVERAGES

Menk	176-9	Hein	162-15
Fowler	183-8	Morrison	155-16

FCA WOMENS BOWLING LEAGUE

October 13: Finance & Accounts took 2 games from Legal. Y. Meuers 154-404 was high for this match. The first game between Stenographic and Securities resulted in a tie. Nelson's 168-486 helped the Steno's take all 3 games. Audit won 2 from Purchase and General Files was also a winner of 2 games from

Personnel. Harbert's 173-417 enabled Reports to take all 3 from Land Bank.

October 20: Legal retained top place in the League by winning 2 games from Stenographic. Y. Meuers lead the way with 154-445 for Finance & Accounts' 2 wins over General Files. Harbert's 184-435 helped Reports take 2 from Personnel. Land Bank won 2 games from Audit. L. Meuers 155-407 was high for Securities, who won 2 games from Purchase.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Legal	15	6	12,978
Finance & Accounts	14	7	12,093
Personnel	13	8	12,820
Stenographic	12	9	11,070
Audit	11	10	11,234
Reports	11	10	10,720
Purchase	8	13	12,029
Securities	8	13	11,698
Land Bank	8	13	10,957
General Files	5	16	10,810

RECORDS

M T G	Legal	716
H T S	Legal	2,044
M I G	Harbert	184
H I S	Nelson	479

AVERAGES

Nelson	143.1
Meuers, Y.	138.9
Ruch	134.13

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MEN'S GOLF

The Fall Medal Play Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Farm Credit Club, is under way in good style with 30 potential cup winners meeting head on. Divots will be a dime a dozen at Old Mission during the ensuing two weeks.

MIXED ARIAS

Two matrons with the requisite green, but not much in the upper story, bought box seats for the opening of the opera in New York. They sat, bedecked in finery, clutching their lorgnettes and looking as high brow as their faces would allow.

"Beg, pawdon, my deah," said one, "Isn't that the 'Sextette from Lucia' they are doing?"

"My impression," said the other, "is that they are playing the 'Andante from Carmen'."

They both peered toward the stage to see if they could make out the sign near the orchestra. Finally one turned to the other and said, "It seems we were both wrong. It's the 'Refrain from Smoking'."

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FREE CLUB LENDING LIBRARY

The Farm Credit Club Board of Directors at its meeting on October 23 took action that will allow club members to borrow books for 3 days without charge. After expiration of the 3-day period, books will be charged for at the rate of 2 cents per day.

Employees who are not members of the club may continue to borrow books at the existing rate of 5 cents for the first 3 days and 2 cents thereafter.

CLUB ORGANIZATION NOTES

Margaret R. Porter has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Club to fill the position of director vacated by L. G. Simonds.

Walter Reeker has been appointed Chairman of the General Service Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John S. Kennedy.